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#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the fifth paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments as indicated:

In all previously known blends, the absorption of water during the shaving process does not induce the leaching out of substances because the PVP and PUR are bound together by physical bonding which forms a non-soluble strip when wet. All previously known blends used for shaving purposes comprise a PVP/PUR ratio which must be between 3:1 and 5:1 in order to allow the glide strip to effectively function. In these blends, there is no soluble component and the lubricity of the glide strip does not change despite repeated usage. The ratio of PVP/PUR is critical in that the ratio defines the properties of the glide strip. Generally, the lower the ratio the higher the coefficient of friction and the longer the life of the glide strip. As the ratio is raised, the coefficient of friction is reduced and the life of the strip is shortened. The known range of 3:1 to 5:1 has been disclosed as a balance between durability and optimum friction. At the same time, the known strips provide a low coefficient of friction for the user's comfort. The preferred method for manufacturing the glide strip and applying the xerogel to the base is also disclosed in ~~U.S. Patent No. 5,056,221~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,056,221, which has been incorporated herein by reference.